

Parry House
1921 Arch Street
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
PENNSYLVANIA	PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)		HABS NO.
PARRY HOUSE		PA- PA-1524
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
1921 Arch Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
1870-71.		
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)		
A good example of an affluent townhouse in the center city section of Philadelphia. The first owner, Charles T. Parry, was the president of Burnham, Parry, Williams and Co., owners of the famous Baldwin Locomotive Works. The house was demolished in 1968.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
Typical large townhouse of the 19th century, with some Italianate detailing		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
Brick with brownstone ashlar front		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
Measured approx. 45' (five-bay front) X 52' with three-story rear ell; four stories.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
The front facade was not significant, even with the presence of semi-hexagonal windows and a bracketed dentil cornice.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
In contrast to the uncharacteristic front facade, the handsome interior work was the house's most notable feature. The work included elaborately carved doors, mirrors, black walnut paneling, carved wood vestibule, stained door glass panels, and mantelpieces. (con't. on p.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
Webster, Richard. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976. Philadelphia Museum of Art newsletter, February 1969.		
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INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued from page 1):

Several woodworking jobs are attributed to Daniel Pabst, an important Philadelphia cabinetmaker. Marble columns were also noteworthy.

Many interior elements, including the mantelpieces and built-in furniture, were salvaged during the demolition of the house, and are now in the possession of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.